

House Resolution No. 521

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome every opportunity to recognize pivotal events and observances in the lives of this state's many fine senior citizens; and

Whereas, Bill Love Dent of Salem, Missouri, was born to George Albert and Lillian Clare (Love) Dent on March 6, 1913, in Salem; and

Whereas, Bill Dent grew up in the company of three brothers, Raymond "Pete" Dent, George Winnett "Doc" Dent, and the Reverend Paul Dent, SJ, all of whom are now deceased; and

Whereas, Bill Dent attended Salem High School and the University of Missouri-Columbia and was a partner with brothers Pete and Doc in Dent Brothers Store in Salem, where he entered the business world by selling garden seed at the ripe old age of five; and

Whereas, Bill Dent has further distinguished himself as a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salem, the Collectors Club of Salem, and the International Brotherhood of Magicians, with which he has been affiliated for fifty years; and

Whereas, Bill Dent has enjoyed many things during his sojourn on this most precious earth, some of which include photography and collecting stamps, coins, and antiques; and

Whereas, Bill Dent was married to Mary Elizabeth Heeney (deceased) on October 22, 1939, since which time he has watched his family grow to include his children, Joseph Michael and Marilyn Dent and Timothy Patrick Dent (deceased); one grandchild, Julie Maggio; and several nieces and nephews, all of whom have brought great pride and happiness into his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Bill Dent upon his Ninetieth Birthday and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bill Love Dent, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Frank Barnitz
District No. 150

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 521, adopted February 26, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker